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KANSAS CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION

MANHATTAN, Kan. May 1, 2017 – For the week ending April 30, 2017, temperatures averaged several degrees below normal across most of Kansas, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Precipitation continued to fall across the entire State, with several western counties receiving measureable snowfall. Cold temperatures, at or below freezing in many counties, raised concerns of possible damage to the wheat crop. There were 3.3 days suitable for fieldwork. Topsoil moisture rated 0 percent very short, 4 short, 70 adequate, and 26 surplus. Subsoil moisture rated 1 percent very short, 10 short, 75 adequate, and 14 surplus.

Field Crops Report: Winter wheat condition rated 4 percent very poor, 12 poor, 35 fair, 43 good, and 6 excellent. Winter wheat jointed was 90 percent, behind 96 last year, but ahead of the five-year average of 81. Headed was 44 percent, near 45 last year, but ahead of 33 average.

Corn planted was 38 percent, behind 49 last year, and near 41 average. Emerged was 12 percent, behind 26 last year and 18 average.

Soybeans planted was 2 percent, equal to last year, and near 3 average.

Alfalfa hay first cutting was 3 percent complete.

Livestock Report: Cattle and calf conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 1 poor, 22 fair, 70 good, and 7 excellent. Calving progress was 96 percent complete. Cattle and calf death loss rated 2 percent heavy, 50 average, and 48 light.

Sheep and lamb conditions rated 0 percent very poor, 0 poor, 16 fair, 80 good, and 4 excellent. Sheep and lamb death loss rated 3 percent heavy, 61 average, and 36 light.

Hay and roughage supplies rated 1 percent very short, 5 short, 86 adequate, and 8 surplus.

Stock water supplies were 1 percent very short, 3 short, 76 adequate, and 20 surplus.

Data for this release were provided at the county level by USDA Farm Service agency and KSU Extension Service.

Access the National publication for Crop Progress and Condition tables at:

<http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/CropProg/2010s/2017/CropProg-05-01-2017.pdf>

Access the High Plains Regional Climate Center for Temperature and Precipitation Maps at:

<http://www.hprcc.unl.edu/maps.php?map=ACISClimateMaps>

Access the U.S. Drought Monitor at:

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/Home/StateDroughtMonitor.aspx?KS>

**Days Suitable, Soil Moisture and Crop Progress by District
For the Week Ending April 30, 2017**

	NW	WC	SW	NC	C	SC	NE	EC	SE	STATE
Days Suitable for Fieldwork	3.1	3.7	4.7	3.2	3.8	3.2	3.6	1.2	0.7	3.3
Topsoil Moisture	Percent									
Very Short	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Short	3	15	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	4
Adequate	55	78	92	72	82	63	77	47	36	70
Surplus	40	7	2	21	16	37	23	53	64	26
Subsoil Moisture										
Very Short	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Short	22	17	18	6	8	2	1	0	0	10
Adequate	70	78	79	77	82	78	86	56	64	75
Surplus	5	3	1	17	10	20	13	44	36	14
Winter Wheat Jointed	73	83	89	87	99	98	99	96	98	90
Winter Wheat Headed	9	8	22	28	66	82	13	70	85	44
Corn Planted	11	8	30	39	43	47	68	40	60	38
Corn Emerged	1	0	4	2	16	14	15	16	47	12

Note: District-level soybean estimates will not be published in 2017 due to lack of external funding.

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